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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sirs:

The Office Action mailed June 23, 2004 rejected claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oles (6,047,130) and Dawson (5,179,638). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oles (6,047,130) in view of Dawson and Kurashige (5,282,262). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberg (5,870,771) in view of Oles and Dawson.

In view of the arguments below, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The Section 103 Rejections

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims over Oles and Dawson. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection since Oles and Dawson, singly or in combination. cannot render the invention obvious.

Claim 1 recites the following invention:

A method of generating a frame prototype image showing a picture image framed within a frame, the method comprising: